Age' dated the 7th January, 1996 regarding violation of FERA by Zee TV by entering into an agreement with STC; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Enquiries in the matter have been initiated.

Banks to Borrow from Overseas Banks

1234. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some nationalised banks have sought the permission of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to borrow from their overseas branches;

(b) if so, the names of these banks;

(c) the reasons for seeking permission to borrow from their overseas branches; and

(d) the steps taken by RBI in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that UCO Bank and Bank of Baroda have approached RBI seeking its permission to borrow from their overseas branches for funding their rupee requirements.

(d) RBI has reported that as per exchange control regulations, banks are permitted to borrow from overseas branches/correspondents for meeting rupee requirements. However, such borrowings attract reserve requirements and banks are required to be free of call market borowings before repartiating the borrowed funds. The banks have requested for waiver of these considtions. No decision has been taken by RBI in this regard.

Assessment of Demand for woollen Garments in international Market

1235. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 870 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5th December, 1995 and state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the demand for woollen garments in the International market; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) No study has so far been commissioned by the Government to specifically assess the international demand for woollen garments in the international market. However, there are indications that the total demand for garments including woollen garments has been increasing in the international market.

Demand and Supply of Power in Bihar

1236. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the requirement of power, its generation capacity and actual distribution of power in Bihar at present;

(b) the gap between demand and supply and in what manner it is going to be bridged;

(c) whether any complaint of shortage of power has been received from industrial/agricultural sectors; and

(d) if so, in what way this shortage is going to be met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA BEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) The installed generation capacity in Bihar at present is 1766.75. During the period April'95 Januatry-96 the energy requirement in Bihar was 7980 MU against which the availability was 5566 MU which represents a shortage of 30.3%. In order to bridge the gap between demand and